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# Resolutions

## 2010/35
## Procedures for the election of the members of the Executive Board of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women

*The Economic and Social Council*,

*Recalling* General Assembly resolution 64/289 of 2 July 2010 and Economic and Social Council decision 2010/261 of 9 September 2010,

*Noting* that the Executive Board of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women shall consist of forty-one members as follows:

(a) Ten from African States;

(b) Ten from Asian States;

(c) Four from Eastern European States;

(d) Six from Latin American and Caribbean States;

(e) Five from Western European and other States;

(f) Six from contributing countries,

1. *Decides* that the term of membership for the thirty-five members of the Executive Board elected from the five regional groups, pursuant to paragraph 60 (a) to (e) of General Assembly resolution 64/289, shall be staggered and that such a decision shall be taken for the first election by the drawing of lots, for members to serve two-year and three-year terms as follows:

| | *Number of seats for* | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| *Regional groups* | *Two years* | *Three years* | ***Total*** |
| African States | 5 | 5 | **10** |
| Asian States | 5 | 5 | **10** |
| Eastern European States | 2 | 2 | **4** |
| Latin American and Caribbean States | 3 | 3 | **6** |
| Western European and other States | 2 | 3 | **5** |
| **Total seats** | **17** | **18** | **35** |

2. *Also decides* that the six contributing countries to serve as members of the Executive Board, pursuant to paragraph 60 (f) of General Assembly resolution 64/289, shall be elected for a three-year term;

3. *Further decides* that the term of office of the forty-one members of the Executive Board elected during the first election will begin on the date of the election and run until 31 December of the year in which their term ends;

4. *Decides* that in subsequent elections members will be elected for a term of office of three years, beginning on 1 January of the year following their election and running until 31 December of the year in which their term ends.

*49th plenary meeting*
*25 October 2010*

## 2010/36
## Membership of the Economic and Social Council in the Organizational Committee of the Peacebuilding Commission

*The Economic and Social Council*,

*Recalling* General Assembly resolution 60/180 of 20 December 2005 and Security Council resolution 1645 (2005) of 20 December 2005, concurrently establishing the Peacebuilding Commission,

*Recalling also*, in particular, paragraphs 12 (b), 13 and 17 of General Assembly resolution 60/180 and Security Council resolution 1645 (2005), establishing the institutional relationship between the Economic and Social Council and the Peacebuilding Commission,

*Recalling further* General Assembly resolution 63/145 of 18 December 2008, in which the Assembly, inter alia, invited other bodies with members elected to the Organizational Committee of the Peacebuilding Commission to adjust the term of office of their respective members so that the term of office of all members of the Organizational Committee could start on 1 January instead of 23 June,

*Recalling* Economic and Social Council resolutions 2006/3 of 8 May 2006 and 2008/38 of 19 December 2008 on the membership of the Council in the Organizational Committee of the Peacebuilding Commission,

*Recognizing* the important role to be performed by the Peacebuilding Commission towards recovery, reintegration and reconstruction in countries emerging from conflict, particularly in Africa,

*Recalling* that due consideration is to be given to countries that have experienced post-conflict recovery in the composition of the Organizational Committee of the Peacebuilding Commission,

1. *Decides* that the distribution of the seven seats allocated to the Economic and Social Council on the Organizational Committee of the Peacebuilding Commission shall be as follows:

(a) One seat for each of the five regional groups, namely, African States, Asian States, Eastern European States, Latin American and Caribbean States and Western European and other States;

(b) In the election of members of the Economic and Social Council to the Organizational Committee whose term of office shall start on 1 January 2011, the two remaining seats shall be allocated to the regional group of African States;

2. *Also decides* that the established practice of the Economic and Social Council regarding members elected to its subsidiary bodies who are not able to

complete their term of office shall apply to members elected to the Organizational Committee by the Council.

*51st plenary meeting*
*14 December 2010*

## 2010/37
## Report of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights on its forty-second and forty-third sessions

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Having considered* the report of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights on its forty-second and forty-third sessions,[1] and the request contained therein for an additional session of the Committee, followed by pre-sessional working groups of one week's duration, in Geneva, in both 2011 and 2012,

*Concerned* at the persistent backlog of reports of State parties awaiting consideration, and that the existing working methods and meeting arrangements for the Committee no longer permit it to fully discharge its responsibilities under the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights[2] and Council resolution 1985/17 of 28 May 1985 in an efficient and timely manner, and recognizing that the entry into force of the Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights[3] would increase the workload of the Committee,

*Taking note* of the note submitted by the Secretary-General to the General Assembly at its sixty-fifth session on the evaluation of the use of additional meeting time by the human rights treaty bodies,[4] the increasing workload of the treaty bodies and the increasing number of requests from them for more meeting time,

1. *Requests* the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights to improve the efficiency of its working methods, including with a view to further harmonizing its working methods with the other treaty bodies, and in the light of its activities in this regard, requests the Chair of the Committee to report to the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session in July 2011 on the steps taken by the Committee to improve its efficiency, to allow the Council to make a decision on means to address the Committee's backlog of State party reports, including, if necessary, through the granting of additional time as a temporary measure;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to include in the report to be submitted to the General Assembly at its sixty-sixth session concrete and tailored proposals on the human rights treaty bodies, including the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, building on the work of the Secretary-General pursuant to Human Rights Council resolution 9/8 of 24 September 2008[5] and of the treaty bodies in this

[1] E/2010/22.
[2] See General Assembly resolution 2200 A (XXI), annex.
[3] See General Assembly resolution 63/117, annex.
[4] A/65/317.
[5] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-third Session, Supplement No. 53A* (A/63/53/Add.1).

regard, to improve their effectiveness and to identify efficiencies in their working methods and resource requirements in order better to manage their workloads, bearing in mind budgetary constraints and taking account of the varying burdens on each treaty body.

*51st plenary meeting*
*14 December 2010*

## 2010/38
## The need to harmonize and improve United Nations informatics systems for optimal utilization and accessibility by all States

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Welcoming* the report of the Secretary-General on international cooperation in the field of informatics[6] and the initiatives of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics,

*Recognizing* the strategic importance of information and communications technology as a critical reform instrument for improving the efficiency and effectiveness of the United Nations Secretariat,

*Recalling* its previous resolutions on the need to harmonize and improve United Nations information systems for optimal utilization and access by all States, with due regard to all the official languages,[7]

*Welcoming* the intensification of efforts by the Chief Information Technology Officer and the Office of Information and Communications Technology of the Secretariat to improve effective collaboration and information management solutions for the needs of the permanent and observer missions at the United Nations,

1. *Reiterates once again* the high priority that it attaches to easy, economical, uncomplicated and unhindered access for States Members of the United Nations and Observers, as well as non-governmental organizations accredited to the United Nations, to the computerized databases and information systems and services of the United Nations;

2. *Requests* the President of the Economic and Social Council to convene the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics for one more year to enable it to carry out, from within existing resources, the due fulfilment of the provisions of the Council resolutions on this item, to facilitate the successful implementation of the initiatives being taken by the Secretary-General with regard to the use of information technology and to continue the implementation of measures required to achieve its objectives, and in that regard requests the Working Group to continue its efforts to act as a bridge between the evolving needs of Member States and the

[6] E/2010/48.

[7] Resolutions 1991/70 of 26 July 1991, 1992/60 of 31 July 1992, 1993/56 of 29 July 1993, 1994/46 of 29 July 1994, 1995/61 of 28 July 1995, 1996/35 of 25 July 1996, 1997/1 of 18 July 1997, 1998/29 of 29 July 1998, 1999/58 of 30 July 1999, 2000/28 of 28 July 2000, 2001/24 of 26 July 2001, 2002/35 of 26 July 2002, 2003/48 of 24 July 2003, 2004/51 of 23 July 2004, 2005/12 of 22 July 2005, 2006/35 of 27 July 2006, 2007/14 of 26 July 2007, 2008/6 of 22 July 2008 and 2009/9 of 27 July 2009.

actions of the Secretariat, and also requests the Working Group to consider its future role, status and mandate and develop findings in that regard;

3. *Expresses its appreciation* to the Secretariat for the continuing cooperation that it is extending to the Working Group in the endeavour to further improve the information technology services available to all permanent and observer missions at the United Nations and, in particular, for the implementation of a Member State web portal so as to consolidate and simplify the secure access by authorized representatives of Member States to relevant information, and for the continued upgrading and stabilizing of e-mail services for delegates, as well as for the continued assistance in the hosting of many mission websites, a cooperative effort of the Secretariat and the diplomatic community coordinated by the Working Group;

4. *Also expresses its appreciation* for the efforts by the Working Group and the Secretariat in providing training and support and raising awareness in the area of United Nations informatics systems for optimal utilization and accessibility by all States;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to extend full cooperation to the Working Group and to give priority to implementing its recommendations and guidance, particularly with regard to the upgrading of web-based services, including through the replacement of the CandiWeb elections and candidatures site;

6. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to report to the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 2011 on action taken in follow-up to the present resolution, including the findings of the Working Group and an assessment of its work and mandate.

*52nd plenary meeting*
*15 December 2010*

# Decisions

## 2010/201 E
## Elections, nominations, confirmations and appointments to subsidiary and related bodies of the Economic and Social Council

At its 49th plenary meeting, on 25 October 2010, the Economic and Social Council took the following action with regard to vacancies in its subsidiary and related bodies:

### Election

#### Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

The Council elected **Cong** Jun (China) for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 2012, to fill a vacancy arising from the resignation of Zhan Daode (China).

### Appointments

#### Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods and on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals

The Council endorsed the decision of the Secretary-General to approve an application from the **Republic of Korea** for membership in the Subcommittee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods.

#### Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters

The Council took note of the appointment by the Secretary-General of Julia Martínez **Rico** (Spain) to the Committee for a term beginning on the date of appointment and expiring on 30 June 2013, to fill a vacancy arising from the resignation of Miguel Ferré Navarrete (Spain).

## 2010/201 F
## Elections, nominations, confirmations and appointments to subsidiary and related bodies of the Economic and Social Council

At its 50th plenary meeting, on 10 November 2010, the Economic and Social Council took the following action with regard to the composition of the Executive Board of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women:

## Elections

### Executive Board of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women

The Council elected the following forty-one States as members of the Executive Board: **Angola, Argentina, Bangladesh, Brazil, Cape Verde, China, Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Denmark, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Estonia, Ethiopia, France, Grenada, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Mexico, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, Peru, Republic of Korea, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Spain, Sweden, Timor-Leste, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania and United States of America.**

In accordance with Council resolution 2010/35 of 25 October 2010, the following seventeen countries were elected for a two-year term of office beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 2012: Argentina, Bangladesh, Brazil, Côte d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of the Congo, El Salvador, Estonia, France, India, Italy, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Malaysia, Pakistan, Russian Federation, Timor-Leste and United Republic of Tanzania.

In accordance with Council resolution 2010/35 of 25 October 2010, the following eighteen countries were elected for a three-year term of office beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 2013: Angola, Cape Verde, China, Congo, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Ethiopia, Grenada, Hungary, Indonesia, Japan, Kazakhstan, Luxembourg, Nigeria, Peru, Republic of Korea, Sweden and Ukraine.

In accordance with paragraph 61 (a) of General Assembly resolution 64/289 of 2 July 2010, the following four contributing countries were elected for a three-year term of office beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 2013: Norway, Spain, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America.

In accordance with paragraph 61 (b) of General Assembly resolution 64/289 of 2 July 2010, the following two contributing countries were elected for a three-year term of office beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 2013: Mexico and Saudi Arabia.

## 2010/201 G
## Elections, nominations, confirmations and appointments to subsidiary and related bodies of the Economic and Social Council

At its 52nd plenary meeting, on 15 December 2010, the Economic and Social Council took the following action with regard to vacancies in its subsidiary and related bodies:

## Elections

### Commission on Science and Technology for Development

The Council elected **France** to fill an outstanding vacancy on the Commission for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 2011.

The Council further postponed the election of one member from Asian States, two members from Eastern European States and three members from Western European and other States for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 2011.

### Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting

The Council elected **Croatia** to fill an outstanding vacancy in the Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 2012.

The Council further postponed the election of three members from Latin American and Caribbean States and four members from Western European and other States for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 2011, and four members from Asian States and one member from Latin American and Caribbean States for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 2012.

### Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

The Council elected Bertie **Xavier** (Guyana) to the Permanent Forum for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2011, to fill a vacancy arising from the resignation of Mirian Masaquiza (Ecuador).

### Organizational Committee of the Peacebuilding Commission

The Council, in accordance with its resolution 2010/36 of 14 December 2010, elected the following seven States for a term of two years beginning on 1 January 2011, or until the expiration of their membership in the Economic and Social Council, whichever is earlier: **Egypt**, **Guatemala**, **Republic of Korea**, **Rwanda**, **Spain**, **Ukraine** and **Zambia**.

## 2010/261
## Procedures for the election of the members of the Executive Board of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women

At its 48th plenary meeting, on 9 September 2010, the Economic and Social Council:

(a) Decided that the election of the 41 members of the Executive Board for the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women would be held as soon as possible and by early November 2010;

(b) Also decided to discuss further the issue of the staggering of terms, so as to reach an agreement on the modalities prior to the elections.

## 2010/262
## Theme for the thematic discussion of the high-level segment of the substantive session of 2011

At its 50th plenary meeting, on 10 November 2010, the Economic and Social Council decided that the theme for the thematic discussion of the high-level segment of the substantive session of 2011 would be "Current global and national trends and challenges and their impact on education".

## 2010/263
## Enlargement of the Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

At its 50th plenary meeting, on 10 November 2010, the Economic and Social Council, recalling General Assembly resolution 1166 (XII) of 26 November 1957, in which the Assembly requested the Council to establish the Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, as well as subsequent Assembly resolutions by which the membership of the Executive Committee was increased:

(a) Took note of the request to enlarge the membership of the Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees contained in the note verbale dated 12 July 2010 from the Permanent Mission of the Congo to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General;[8]

(b) Recommended that the General Assembly, at its sixty-fifth session, decide on the question of enlarging the membership of the Executive Committee from eighty-four to eighty-five States.

## 2010/264
## Establishment of an ad hoc panel of experts on the world financial and economic crisis and its impact on development

At its 52nd plenary meeting, on 15 December 2010, the Economic and Social Council decided to continue its consideration of the draft resolution entitled "Establishment of an ad hoc panel of experts on the world financial and economic crisis and its impact on development", contained in document E/2010/L.37, with a view to making final recommendations to the General Assembly, in accordance with the mandate set out in paragraph 56 (e) of the Outcome of the Conference on the World Financial and Economic Crisis and Its Impact on Development,[9] during its substantive session of 2011.

[8] E/2010/103.

[9] General Assembly resolution 63/303, annex.

## 2010/265
## Regional cooperation in the economic, social and related fields

At its 52nd plenary meeting, on 15 December 2010, the Economic and Social Council decided to further defer to its substantive session of 2011 its consideration of the draft resolutions entitled "Upgrading the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia Section for Emerging and Conflict-related Issues to the level of a division and establishing a governmental committee on emerging issues and development in conflict settings" and "Upgrading the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia Centre for Women to the level of a division and follow-up to the implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action in the Arab countries after fifteen years: Beijing+15", contained in chapter I, section B, of document E/2010/15/Add.1.